AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 5, please amend lines 5 and 6 to read as follows:

Fig. 3 is a side view of a portion of a plate-link chain; ~~and~~

Fig. 4 is an enlarged, cross-sectional view taken along the line IV-IV of Fig. 2 [[.]] ; and

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 3 of a plate-link chain having differently spaced pin pairs.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 8 with the following amended paragraph:

In order to determine the speed of a so-called "random pitch" chain whose links have different lengths (see Fig. 5), so that the spacing between pins 36 varies, an algorithm for the detection of the pattern at which the spacing between pins 36 changes can be stored in ~~an~~ a control unit connected with sensor 40, for example in control unit 23. For example, the pattern in which long and short links follow one another, or the quantity, is stored in control unit 23, so that by counting the number of successively following same pin spacings can be determined, whether it is a matter of short or long spacings. It should be understood that at least one more additional pin spacing must be evaluated than actually present equal pin spacings. After identifying whether it is a short or a long pin spacing, the speed of the plate-link chain can in turn be determined by forming a simple ratio from the pin spacing and the time interval in which the pins follow one another.